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Addy Parish won a gold medal in triple jump at the Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships in Calgary Aug. 9-11. She is pictured here at the high school triple jump pit. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Highlands athlete tops in the nation

By Lisa Gervais

Every time Addy Parish runs down the track, then hops, steps and jumps, it feels as if she is flying.

The Highlands track and field star recently returned home from Calgary, where she won gold in the U16 women's

triple jump, with a personal best of 11.59 metres, outdistancing her nearest competitor, at 11.20.

Addy said her passion for the sport started when she was in Grade 3. She began as a long jumper but triple jump appealed.

"Every time I do triple jump, I feel like

I'm flying because you get so much room to jump and you're not just jumping into a pit, you're doing several steps. So, you just feel like you're flying."

While she bronzed at OFSAA this year, the student, entering Grade 10 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School,

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Staff holidays cause urgent care closures

By Lisa Gervais

Minden urgent care clinic closures Aug. 20 and 23 are due to "summer holiday scheduling conflicts," according to the Kawartha North Family Health Team, which operates the clinic at the former Minden emergency department site.

KNFHT notified patients of the closure on their Facebook page Aug. 20, shortly before the clinic was scheduled to open for the day.

The health team said the clinic is open all other days this week, and apologized for the inconvenience, thanking the public for its understanding and ongoing support.

"We would also like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank all the casual staff providing coverage for the rest of this week, on top of working their full-time jobs. Your commitment and dedication to providing health care in the community that you live in, is greatly appreciated."

KNFHT executive director, Cinnamon Tousignant, told *The Highlander* Aug. 20, "unfortunately, these are holiday schedule closures where we simply cannot get coverage for the nurse practitioner position." She noted the NP is entitled to time off and summer holidays.

"We continue to try to recruit for weekday coverage, but it is very difficult, especially since all our casual staff work full-time jobs, the vast majority of them work Monday to Friday during the week. Also, the casual staff take holidays as well this time of year. There are likely going to be closures next week as well and then hopefully back to normal coverage," she said.

Tousignant added, "we naturally understand people's frustrations. We have been advertising since last week about the closures and we try to get the information out there as much as in advance via multiple channels, unfortunately we can't reach everyone."

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Addy Parish jumps wearing her gold medal. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Olympics a dream

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believes the recent nationals have given her a boost to take her triple jump to the next level. “It feels really good, but also a lot,” she says, acknowledging that if she wants to go further in the discipline, she is going to have to really commit to her training.

While in Calgary, she met a coach, Chris Timm, from Kitchener, who has agreed to work with her. It will mean traveling to southwestern Ontario.

Timm worked with Addy before the nationals, and, “just the little corrections he could do changed the whole jump for me.” In fact, on her first jump, she improved by 11 centimetres.

She’s now got the personal best bug, saying, “I just hope to accomplish that every time I jump, that I get a new personal best and I’ll just see where that takes me.”

At 5’9”, she is expected to grow another two inches. She also ran hurdles at the championships (placing 13th overall) and plays competitive volleyball. She is a former athlete of the year at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School and was the top seeded

girl in Grade 8 track.

With the Olympics recently completed in Paris, France, Addy does dream about what the future might hold. Dominica’s Thea LaFond won the gold in triple jump with a leap of 15.02 metres.

“I think it would be cool to make the Olympics, but I have to train a lot, but we’ll see. The more years that go by, if I get better, I might be able to go, I have to wait and see.”

She thanks her track coaches and the local track and field club.

On Aug. 14, she brought her medal to a club gathering, and talked about her experience in Calgary. Her mom, Stacey, said it was, “a big deal for the club, to see where the kids can go.”

Stacey added she is “unbelievably proud” of her daughter and does not think Addy even knows what she has accomplished.

“To be honest, I don’t think she has any idea what she’s done.”

More than 965 young Canadian athletes competed for medals in Canada’s only track and field championships for the under-16 and under-18 categories.



KNFHT executive director, Cinnamon Tousignant. File.

Normal hours in fall

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Asked about closures on July 31 and Aug. 1, Tousignant said it was a staff personal matter she was unwilling to discuss publicly. She noted while the clinic was shuttered for two days, it was open the rest of that week.

“Currently we post signs, inform our healthcare partners, inform the local radio station, update our Facebook/website and update the Google information bar when we have a closure.”

The clinic first opened its doors for weekends on June 30, 2023. As of Oct. 3, 2023, it is now open seven days a

week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a dedicated registered practical nurse (RPN), nurse practitioner (NP), and administrative support person during the week. On the weekends, casuals fill the shifts.

Prior to the recent summer closures, they had only had to shutter for two additional days due to staffing challenges. The clinic is capable of seeing 25 patients a day, but that number can rise in summer.

See the Kawartha North Family Health Team page on Facebook for schedule updates.

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AH man appeals sexual assault conviction

By Mike Baker

Newly-retained defence counsel for convicted Haliburton County sex offender Paul Gregory Watson has asked for a new trial after alleging the Ontario judge who presided over court proceedings last year erred by not considering testimony from three “key” witnesses, including Watson.

Watson was found guilty of sexual assault and unlawfully entering a dwelling following an incident at an elderly neighbour’s house in Algonquin Highlands in February 2021.

At sentencing in November 2023, an Oshawa courtroom heard how Watson entered his neighbour’s home in the early hours of Feb. 17, making several sexual advances. When rebuffed, Watson persisted, exposing himself while expressing his fondness for the victim and touching her over a nightgown, before leaving.

Justice Russell Wood handed down a 90-day jail sentence, which Watson has been serving on weekends, nine months of house arrest and two years’ probation.

The case was back in court Aug. 16, with Toronto-based criminal defence attorney Mindy Caterina appealing last year’s conviction, while Rebecca Griffin, representing the Crown, filed a separate appeal seeking a longer sentence. It was heard by Myrna L. Lack of the Superior Court of Justice.

Caterina said during last year’s trial, Wood rejected evidence provided by Watson and his wife, Michelle, and a character assessment submitted by the man who purchased the property from the elderly neighbour following the incident.

She noted Watson and the elderly neighbour were familiar with each other, with him often completing chores on her property. In 2017, the Watsons stayed with the neighbour for three months while their home was being renovated.

In his evidence, Watson said he was walking his dog late at night when he noticed smoke coming from the victim’s chimney. Caterina said this worried him, since he’d earlier recommended, on a previous visit, that his neighbour not use her fireplace due to a dangerous build-up of creosote - a highly flammable tar-like substance containing toxic chemicals that can be harmful if inhaled.

Caterina said Watson entered the home



A hearing considering an appeal for convicted sex offender Paul Gregory Watson was held virtually at the Lindsay courthouse Aug. 16.

Photo by Mike Baker.

through a side studio door, leaving his dog in a porch, before proceeding to wake the neighbour. She said the neighbour asked Watson to leave, which Caterina claims Watson did without incident.

“The first reason the trial judge gives for rejecting the appellant’s evidence was that [he] concocted his narrative after the fact in an attempt to mirror the complainant’s testimony, but with an innocent explanation. The Court of Appeal instructs that as an illegal inference,” Caterina said. “Additionally, [the judge] committed four material misapprehensions of evidence, which bore on his credibility analysis.”

In his reasoning, Wood said, “there were many aspects to [Watson’s] explanation that defy common sense.” The judge thought it “bizarre” Watson would enter the home uninvited in the middle of the night due to a safety concern, only to immediately leave without rectifying the issue after waking the victim.

Caterina cited a 2020 sexual assault case, where a conviction was overturned because

the presiding judge was found to have ignored the accused’s constitutional rights when refusing testimony after believing it was structured to meet the allegations faced. She feels this establishes a clear precedent.

Lack seemed to reject that thought, telling Caterina, “he says ‘I don’t believe the guy.’ And fair enough.” From her perspective, Lack felt Wood was within his rights to reject Watson’s version and convict based on the victim’s testimony.

Caterina cast doubt on the victim’s testimony, saying she seemed to have problems with her memory. She cited the victim’s uncertainty over when her fireplace was last serviced, and when phone calls to book the service took place, as reasons to question her evidence.

Crown response

Griffin noted, during the trial, Watson “deflected continuously” and changed parts of his story when pushed by Wood to answer why he felt compelled to enter the house.

The Crown prosecutor felt Caterina’s claims of misapprehension of evidence – surrounding the events leading up to the incident - held little weight.

“The evidence is clear that Watson did not have an open invitation to enter [the victim’s] house, certainly not in the middle of the night. If he was concerned... the more obvious option would be to return home and call [the victim] on the phone. If he felt it was a more urgent emergency, why enter through a studio door in such a secretive way? Why not go directly to the front door, or window, loudly?” Griffin said.

The prosecutor didn’t have time to address her sentencing appeal.

With the day drawing to a close, Lack said another hearing would be required to hear the Crown’s appeal.

“I’ve been a judge of this court for 26 years and I have never had a sentence appeal yet, so I really want to hear this,” Lack said, noting a decision on both appeals will be made after. Watson is due to complete his sentence Dec. 17.



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HIGHLANDS EAST NEWS

Cardiff pool a busy place

Property supervisor, Jim Alden, told Highlands East council Aug. 13 the Cardiff pool had been open for more than a month, “with much success.”

The pool operates 51 hours a week. Alden said there had been 15 hours of swimming lessons, 26 hours of open swim, five hours of parent and tot swim and five hours of fitness swim.

He said, “attendance ranges from having approximately three patrons on a rainy day to having 41 patrons on a hot and sunny day. In general, staff’s observation is that attendance has increased compared to previous years. The afternoon open swim matches the popularity of the evening open swim.”

The supervisor added that as of Aug. 6, 98 swimmers had registered for swimming lessons though the municipal online form, 55 from Highlands East, and 43 non-residents.

After breaking down the statistics further, Alden said, “Cardiff pool staff are pleased with enrolment numbers and have enjoyed working together to implement the new aspects of the swim program offerings. I’d like to extend my appreciation to all the parks and recreation staff and students for their hard work this season, including the Cardiff pool staff. They have done an outstanding job.”

Coun. Cam McKenzie said, “from what I see here, our numbers are up. Also, I think we’ve done a good job of promoting the availability of the pool, so I would like that passed on to staff as well.”

Building activity up

Highlands East continues to report strong building department activity.

In a report to council, building department administration assistant, Tracy Evans, said construction values to date for 2024 stand at nearly \$24 million. That is in contrast to 2023 stats of nearly \$14.5 million.

It’s reflected in the fact there have been 96 building permits issued, 20 for dwellings and 76 others, compared to 68 last year (15 dwellings and 53 others).

There has only been one permit for a secondary suite to date, and none for 45-65 sq. metres. There has been one permit for apartment units in July, for two apartments.

Sewage system permits are also up to 46, from 28, and installation reports up by one. Occupancy certificates are 11 for 2024 and 12 for 2023. In June, there were 69 building inspections and eight septic inspections.

Public works update

Public works operations manager, Perry Kelly, said staff met with the Herlihey Park consultant Aug. 13 to finalize drawings for an RFP to complete the park. He said his department hopes to release the RFP by the end of the month with work to be scheduled for completion in the fall.

Kelly further reported that all construction on Irondale Road and Clement Lake Road is now complete.

He added one attendant building has been delivered and set up at the Mumford Road landfill. Staff are working on some preliminary work items in advance of the other two being delivered later this month.

In addition, security cameras at all landfill facilities have been installed and are now operational. All applicable signage in accordance with the County of Haliburton IT surveillance policy has been installed on-site as well.



Highlands East Coun. Cam McKenzie commented on the business of the Cardiff pool. *File.*

Boil water advisory lifted

Environmental supervisor Patrick Thompson reported back following a July 12 boil water advisory issued at the Highland Grove Community Centre and library - due to a UV unit failing. He said it was replaced on July 30. Staff received test results back from the lab and the health unit has lifted the advisory. He added the outdoor tap at the building has been restored to operation.

Mayor Dave Burton asked if it had to do

with lack of use. Thompson said ‘no’ but that UV units at buildings are starting to fail, “so we have all new systems except for at the building department... I can’t say we were expecting it to fail, but we’ve had some issues with them in the past. They’re fairly old, I think 10 years now, and we’ve been slowly replacing them.” He said low flow is, however, hard on the bulbs... I anticipate things will be fine going forward.” *(Highlands East news compiled by Lisa Gervais).*

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- *Voice of Pride*, curated by Scott Michael Walling, features artwork by emerging and established local queer artists. The exhibit is on display at the MHCC (Welch Room) until August 31. A reception with the participating artists will take place on Tuesday, August 20 from 5-7 pm. All are welcome.
 - The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is pleased to welcome back local artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward with their exhibit *Burner Herzog*. The Opening Reception with the artists will take place on Saturday, August 24 from 1-3 pm. Everyone is welcome, refreshments will be served. The exhibit is on display until November 23.
 - The Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library welcome you to our FREE Friday afternoon movie! *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* (2021) will be shown in the Welch Room on August 23 at 1 pm. Snacks will be provided but feel free to bring your own. No registration required.
 - The Minden Hills Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us for daily tours and drop-in programs: Learn a new language every Wednesday morning at 11 am in the Multilingual Schoolhouse, try your hand at Robo-Coding on Thursday, August 22 at 11 am, and learn how to make ice cream the old-fashioned way at the Friday Creamery on Friday, August 23 at 2 pm. Admission is by donation.
- For more information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or call 705-286-3763. Info is also available on our website.

UPCOMING HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

Mark your calendars for the next HHW event taking place Saturday, August 24, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Please ensure you have your valid waste disposal card.

FALL PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Adult and Youth fall program registration opened Monday, August 19, 2024, check out the fall offerings online at <https://townshipofmindenhills.perfectmind.com> or pick up a handout at SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

NOTICE: PUBLIC MEETING - PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE TOWNSHIP'S FEES AND CHARGES BY-LAW

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2024, during its Regular Council Meeting regarding Proposed changes to the Township's Fees and Charges By-law.

The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

Proposed changes are included in the following Schedules and are also available on our website.

- Schedule A Classes of Permits and Fees for Building - Short-Term Rental Fees
- Schedule D Cultural Centre Programs and Facilities
- Schedule G Cemetery
- Schedule H Community Services Programs & Facilities
- Schedule I Environmental
- Schedule J Community Services Advertising

Members of the public wishing to participate may attend in-person or join electronically and make comment/speak at the Public Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Fees and Charges By-law.

Registration is required for electronic participants.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person (Council Chambers) and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted.

The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

- August 29 – Regular Council Meeting
- September 12 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link on the Township CivicWeb Portal at <https://mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx>. Visit our website for more information.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ROAD NAMING BY-LAW

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will consider a proposed Road Naming By-law at its August 29th, 2024, Regular Council meeting. The purpose is to provide for the naming and renaming of private roads accommodating the addition/revisions within the Township of Minden Hills.

Notice of proposed changes is pursuant to Section 48 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, and are as follows:

New Roads

- Finlander Lane
- Piper Glen Road
- Twin Bay Trail

Road Name Change

Currently known as “Clansman Drive”, proposed name change “Big Orillia Lake Drive”

A copy of the proposed By-law is available at the Township Office or Township's website.

NOTICE – COUNCIL EDUCATION AND TRAINING SESSION

Take Notice there will be a Council Education and Training Session held Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. This tour is an educational opportunity to review key infrastructure and areas in Minden Hills and will not be used to advance the business or decision-making of Council.

Half-million raised for Highlands health

By Lillie Qiu

The MooseFM Radiothon, benefitting the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, has raised \$537,000 for mammography services.

Listeners called in all day Aug. 15 and 16 with donations to help the Haliburton hospital get a mammography unit for breast cancer screening.

Long-time Eagle Lake resident, Richard Muir, said he would match donations up to \$100,000.

On Aug. 16, executive director of the foundation, Melanie Klodt Wong, announced he had doubled his matching efforts to up to \$200,000.

Kim Emmerson, of Emmerson Lumber, was interviewed about the importance of healthcare and made a contribution of \$25,000. Less than an hour before the closing of the broadcast, the Radiothon was still \$22,000 short of \$167,000 in pledges - the amount needed to take donations over \$500,000 with the double match by Muir.

Scott and Chere Campbell, of Haliburton, also matched up to \$500,000.

Klodt Wong said, "it's a great fundraiser, but this year was just exponentially better and bigger and more impactful with the double match, and focusing on mammography, and we did more advertising."

About 15 minutes before the end, Tammy and Tran LaRue of Radiothon sponsor Minden Subaru made a \$25,000 donation, which took the campaign over the half-a-million-dollar mark - along with the other donations that had been coming in by phone in the last 45 minutes. The final amount raised was \$179,093. Following Muir's and the Campbells' matching donations the foundation received \$537,279.

The mammography unit is expected to arrive and be operational by the end of this year.

The foundation thanked everyone who contributed to Radiothon, to the matching donors, sponsors and businesses that chipped in.



Radiothon host, Rick Lowes, and executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Melanie Klodt Wong, inside the radio booth. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

ALGONQUIN HIGHLAND NEWS

Dock talk

Algonquin Highlands is preparing to put out a tender for its long-awaited Kawagama Lake Russell Landing rehabilitation project.

Parks, recreation, and trails manager Chris Card said the redevelopment has a \$175,000 budget. Enhancements include the replacement of a timber crib retaining wall with cast-in-place concrete; concrete stairs or slope in the water to assist with varying water levels and allow for different sized machines to be launched; replacement of hand railings; and the installation of a new gateway to establish safe loading and unloading areas.

Card said using concrete over wood was preferable for the retaining walls, with concrete carrying a 75-year lifespan and wood just 30 years.

He said council could also consider replacing a gazebo for approximately \$10,000.

Coun. Julia Shortreed said the gazebo isn't a necessity.

"At one time, Kawagama was 90 per

cent water access. The gazebo was put up for people who were waiting for boats to take them to their cottage," Shortreed said, estimating it was built in the 1950s.

Mayor Liz Danielsen said staff should reach out to the Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association and camps on the lake to see if they have any interest assisting financially with any rebuild. She pointed to a recent agreement with the Haliburton County Green Burial Society, which covered the cost of a gazebo at St. Stephen's Cemetery, as proof that community partnerships can work.

Card said he expects to have an update on total project costs later this year.

Firefighters wanted

Fire chief Mike French said all four County fire departments are actively recruiting for volunteer firefighters.

"We have one person who has applied to Station 80, but we're short," French said. "This is a common problem we're seeing everywhere, not only in Haliburton County. This is a provincewide issue where it's becoming very hard to get volunteers."

The Algonquin Highlands service boasts 46 volunteer members - nine short of a full roster, French said. All volunteers are trained to National Fire Protection Association standards and are paid for the hours they spend on-site. French noted it's a tough gig, with members on-call and often needed on a moment's notice.

To learn more, visit algonquinhighlands.ca/our-community/fire-services.

Bylaw updates

Council has signed off on minor updates to its short-term rental licensing bylaw and license of occupation policy.

Planner Sean O'Callaghan said the main change for STRs focuses on insurance. The original bylaw required operators to carry commercial policies, which has been removed. The total amount of liability insurance required has also been reduced, from \$5 million to \$2 million.

The township is also putting the onus for waste management on STR operators, saying they should have proper plans in place to deal with garbage created by visitors.

Staff have also developed an expedited license of occupation policy for situations where a property used as a STR is located partially or wholly on a shore road allowance. Since last spring, property owners in Algonquin Highlands are now required to rent or purchase shore road allowances that are municipally-owned to maintain their waterfront access.

Park damaged

Township staff have been in touch with the Haliburton Highlands OPP after the Dorset Lions Centennial Park was damaged Aug. 19.

Chad Ingram, Algonquin Highlands spokesperson, said staff are investigating. He couldn't provide an estimate for damages by press time.

Photos circulating on social media showed tread marks and divots in the grass, likely from some form of all-terrain vehicle (ATV), while at least one of the benches has been destroyed. (Algonquin Highlands news compiled by Mike Baker).



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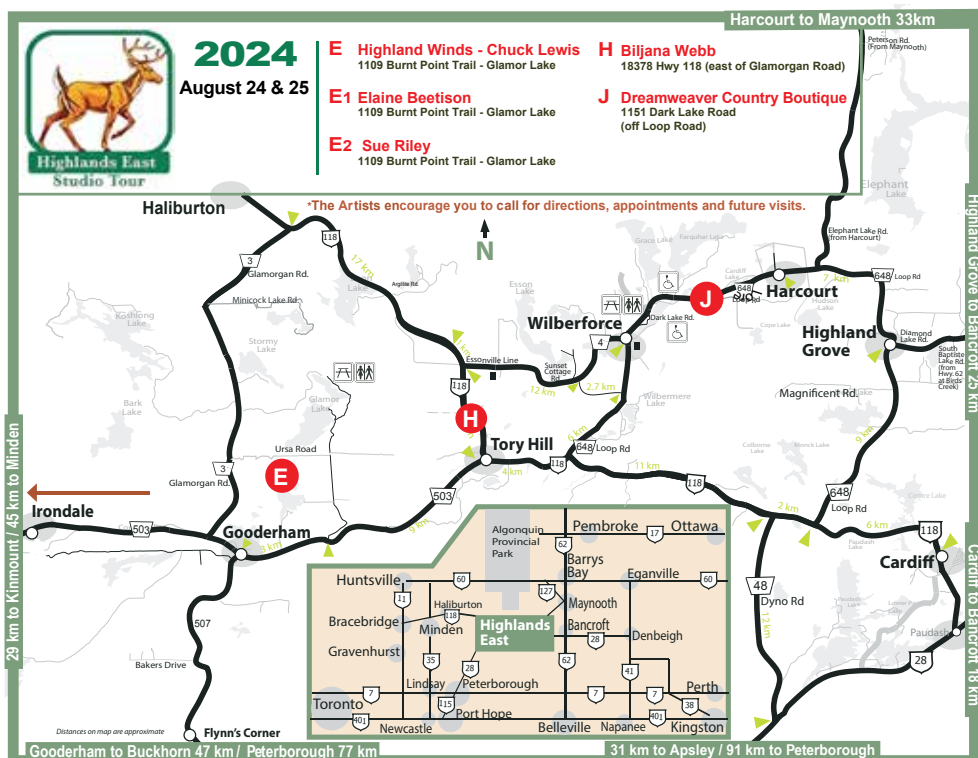
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AH has extended a survey seeking public input on the use of fireworks. *File.*

AH council wants clear direction on fireworks

By Mike Baker

Algonquin Highlands council is again kicking tires on reducing the number of days residents can set off fireworks in the township.

At an Aug. 15 meeting, environmental manager Melissa Murray released results from a monthslong survey, released on the ‘Bang the Table’ forum and distributed to all local lake associations, asking the public’s opinion on firework use. There were 520 respondents, with 65 per cent saying the pyrotechnics should be completely banned.

In 2020, the township limited the number of days fireworks can be used to five – for Canada Day, Victoria Day, New Year’s Eve, the August Civic Holiday, and Labour Day.

Coun. Lisa Barry said she felt fireworks have lost their spark and, for environmental concerns alone, would be in favour of scaling back.

“They’ve become used so often that they’re no longer spectacular. You’ll hear them on a Tuesday night in the middle of June for no apparent reason,” Barry said.

Coun. Julia Shortreed suggested limiting fireworks to twice yearly – suggesting Canada Day and the Civic Holiday. In the survey, 317 of 411 respondents said they’re in favour of fireworks on Canada Day, with 167 wanting to maintain New Year’s Eve, 86 for Victoria Day, 69 for Civic Holiday, and 24 for Labour Day.

Deputy mayor Jennifer Dailloux asked that council consider banning fireworks on Victoria Day, with May a key month for bird migration and nesting seasons.

“Environmentally, that is the worst time you can put on a fireworks display,” Dailloux said. Commenting on the survey results, she added, “there’s clearly an appetite for change.”

But Coun. Sabrina Richards disagrees. With the township’s summer population estimated at about 8,000 people, she believes implementing changes based on the thoughts of fewer than 10 per cent of residents would be a mistake. She said council needs more

data from taxpayers, and experts, to make an informed decision.

“I haven’t gotten enough evidence to see if that is a thing, if fireworks impact bird patterns,” Richards said, responding to Dailloux. “We’ve been lighting fireworks for over 100 years.”

Danielsen warned that even if the township clamps down on firework use, it’ll be difficult to punish violators. She said, in most cases, by the time the township is able to respond to a complaint, the fireworks are over. For someone to be issued a ticket, there needs to be proof clearly showing someone setting off fireworks, with a date and time stamp.

CAO Angie Bird said the township received seven fireworks-related complaints in 2023, but none so far this year.

Dysart et al, Highlands East, and Minden Hills all allow fireworks on Canada Day, Victoria Day, New Year’s Eve, the August Civic Holiday, and Labour Day. There have been calls to limit them – Susan Hay, representing Environment Haliburton! last year called on the County to ban all personal displays and fireworks sales in the Highlands.

Hay said fireworks are toxic, put aquatic health at risk, cause extreme stress in birds, wildlife and pets, reduce quality of life for people, and add to greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution. She noted most fireworks are imported from China, without restrictions on materials being used. Chemicals such as perchlorate, strontium, copper, titanium, barium, rubidium, cadmium, chlorine, and lead can irritate lungs and eyes, she said.

They can also be a significant fire hazard, with Hay saying sources suggest 20,000 to 30,000 fires are started each year due to fireworks.

Council agreed to extend its fireworks survey for another couple of months, giving residents until Oct. 31 to have their voices heard.

To take the survey, visit letsconnectalgonquinhighlands.ca.

Haliburton & District Lions Club

STORIES IN THE PARK FUN FAIR 2024

What: The Haliburton Lions Stories in the Park Fun Fair for Children

Why: To provide a free community event for children and families; to give every child a New Book and a Fun Fair in the park.

Where: Head Lake Park, Haliburton

When: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 ~ 12 to 2:00 pm

What Will It Look Like:

- Individual, low-impact, non-competitive games such as Bean Bag Toss, Mini Putt, Giant Pick-Up Sticks, Ladder Toss, Fish Pond and more!
- Free New Book for every child
- Gord Kidd & Friends ~ Family Dance Party
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STRs on unowned shore road allowances still up for debate

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Hills council, at its Aug. 8 meeting, did not finalize what to do with short-term rentals on unowned shore road allowances.

Manager of the planning department, Amanda Dougherty, brought back a report after council sought clarification on what to do with STRs operating where they do not own the shore road allowance. She said all structures required a license of occupation, not just where people were staying and sleeping, but for things such as docks.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey said she thought they were only going to make people do licences of occupation, with an intent to purchase, if the actual building being slept in for the STR is on the shore road allowance.

"I think we're adding a lot of cost here to a short-term rental... I was only willing to do this if the actual building they're sleeping in was there," she said.

Mayor Bob Carter said the County sought a legal opinion, and were told they should include other structures.

McKelvey said she didn't think it was right if just a dock or gazebo were on the allowance.

Bylaw officer Paula Ingram said she preferred including any building or structure for liability reasons. Dougherty said Algonquin Highlands is dwelling-only, Dysart "all buildings" and Highlands East "all buildings and structures."

In a recorded vote, council defeated the all buildings and structures option (McKelvey, councillors Ivan Ingram, Shirley Johannessen



Council is still deciding about STR structures on unowned shore road allowances.

Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and Bob Sisson voted against).

The bylaw officer said they could change to dwelling-only, but there is liability with structures adjacent to the water. She added the insurance portion of it could change to "if there's any structures on our shore road allowance... the certificate of insurance has to be on all buildings."

Coun. Pam Sayne supported that change, saying the wording could protect the municipality from a lawsuit. "We are not going to be responsible for peoples' guests on their docks."

McKelvey said the municipality could be added as an insurer for other buildings and structures. Dougherty said they could also

charge a \$150 license of occupation fee for other buildings and structures.

McKelvey was in favour.

Sayne would have preferred keeping it as originally presented, for all buildings. "If you have a short-term rental, it's considered a business, and so you have to invest in that business and protect your interests. Our municipality shouldn't be taking the load off of those businesses with our revenues and our liabilities... so there's a lot of good reasons for not only the STR people to purchase that property, but also for that to be purchased so the municipality isn't liable." Staff will go back and amend the bylaw and return to a future meeting.

MINDEN HILLS NEWS

Drinking water systems

Director of public works, Mike Timmins, provided Minden Hills council, Aug. 8, with the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) compliance inspection report for the Minden and Lutterworth drinking water system.

The municipality operates water treatment and distribution systems in the village of Minden and the Lutterworth Pines community. The facilities must operate in compliance with environmental compliance approval. Operated by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), they must meet legislative requirements, and are subject to inspection by the MECP, which may require the municipality to provide supplementary plans, reports, and data.

In May and June 2024, provincial officer Corey Biswanger did planned inspections.

Timmins said, "the officer determined all elements of the inspection met the legislative requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act and there were no action items issued to the township."

The officer did, however, make three recommendations. Timmins said these were not compliance issues, but considered best practices by the MECP.

The recommendations were that: the

township and the operating authority should make a greater effort to promote water conservation and reduce water loss in the system; a backflow prevention program and bylaw should be in place; and a bylaw limiting access to fire hydrants should be implemented.

Timmins said, "these are mainly administrative items which will be addressed by staff with the support of OCWA." The MECP Inspection reports can be found on the township website.

Community safety zone

Minden Hills made Water Street a community safety zone.

Timmins said that at a Feb. 1 council meeting, council discussed traffic calming solutions. Council asked staff to begin the process to make Water Street a community safety zone from Bobcaygeon Road to Hwy. 35 and to extend the existing zone on Bobcaygeon Road, from Sunnybrook Bridge to Hwy. 35. It used to go from the Minden cemetery to Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

Council also asked staff to buy two new digital speed signs to be placed on Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road.

Timmins said in order for the safety zone to

take effect, signs must be erected every 300m and a bylaw passed by council.

"Public works staff intend to have these signs installed between Aug. 19-23 to have the new (zone) in effect before the start of the 2024-2025 school year," Timmins said. He said there was money in the 2024 operating budget for costs associated with the zone.

Lochlin Community Centre update

Director of community services, Candace McGuigan, said the hall advisory committee is recommending staff investigate moving the centre onto a concrete pad on the same site. She added staff will return to the September advisory committee meeting with details.

Mayor Bob Carter asked, "so, lift it off its foundation and slide it over to a concrete pad?"

CAO Cynthia Fletcher said the advisory committee had "quite a conversation" about the resolution to council. She added council would approve any recommendations. "All we're looking at, at this point, is options related to the existing building and what we might do with it." She said council was not approving anything, just acknowledging the staff plan. (Minden Hills news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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The miracle of giving

By all accounts, the finale of last Friday's MooseFM radiothon in Haliburton was quite a thing.

The annual fundraiser began Aug. 15 as on-air host Rick Lowes worked his usual radio marathon magic to try to help Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation raise money for the mammography unit that is coming to Haliburton hospital.

We were told that on Friday, about noon, Melanie Klodt Wong, the Foundation's executive director, announced that Eagle Lake resident, Richard Muir, had doubled his matching offer from up to \$100,000 to up to \$200,000.

As reported in the Aug. 15 *Highlander*, Muir said his life was saved while in care at the Haliburton hospital. A businessman from Toronto who cottages on Eagle Lake, he recalled that in September 2022, he went into sudden cardiac arrest for four minutes. He was helped by nurses and doctors to recover. Muir remembers hearing the beeping sound of the heart rate monitoring machine and hearing nurses screaming, "we're losing him." He described the procedure he had as "life-changing, excellent care." That's why he put up the matching funds. And with six hours to go on the radiothon, he upped the ante.

Shortly after that, Kim Emmerson, of Emmerson Lumber, was interviewed about the importance of health care locally and made a contribution of \$25,000.

The cash donations and pledges kept rolling in. It appeared the public got the message of how important the campaign is to generally improve health care locally as well as how getting CT mammography installed in the fall will facilitate early screening for breast cancer and save lives.

At about 5:15 p.m. – 45 minutes shy of the end – they were still about \$22,000 short of \$167,000 in pledges (which was the amount they needed with the double match from Muir, and Scott and Chere Campbell who also stepped up), to take them over \$500,000 in total.

Klodt Wong said on the radio that while it was a huge stretch, if they could get another \$22,000 in the remaining three quarters of an hour, with the double match it would take them over \$500,000 in total - and Lowes challenged listeners to call in with their pledges.

The phones lit up again, but by 5:45 p.m. or so, they were still about \$15,000 short. Then, they had a \$25,000 gift from Tammy and Tran LaRue from Minden Subaru, who were the presenting sponsors. With the double match, this blew the campaign over

\$500,000.

For those who were listening, it was an incredible flurry of activity. And once again, we are humbled by a community that could raise half-a-million dollars in two days.

And, let's not forget, this was just one fundraising initiative over the past week or so. The Help a Village Effort, or HELP, based in Minden raised \$25,000 at a golf tournament Aug. 15 to help put wells and toilets in villages in India. Others contributed to Miracle Treat Day Aug. 8. Katie Woodward collected coin for Sick Kids on her bicycle, the Minden Community Food Centre received proceeds from Bob Lake's Rock the Dock, and The Amazing Race. The Kinmount District Health Services Foundation held a successful fundraising event, and the TORC boat races dumped more money into the Foundation's and hospital's coffers. Once again, we are humbled by the Highlands's miracle of giving.



By Lisa Gervais

NATURE'S CALLING

A full weekend in Haliburton Forest

This month, I have been trying to get out camping most weekends at our trailer in Haliburton Forest. Each year, I take up some of my girlfriends and show them the beauty of camping and what it offers.

This past weekend, I picked up my friends, Jen and Trish, and headed for a weekend where Mother Nature thought the rain would stop us; little did she know that rain doesn't bother me. Friday afternoon consisted of floating in the lake, watching the ducks pass by us, and observing the pretty colours on their feathers. Then, it was dinner and campfire time.

The sunset Friday evening was beautiful.

Saturday morning, we were up, and breakfast into us, we hit the water for some swimming before the rain was going to start. We decided Saturday was a day to drive and check out the Forest. We loaded the car with snacks and headed to one of my favourite spots, the rapids. Now, these are small rapids that aren't flowing extremely fast. However, it is beautiful, and the water is warm there.

We relaxed and watched squirrels playing on the bank beside us for an hour or so. We finished up there and continued exploring. We saw some turkeys on our travels, which was nice to see. The day was fantastic, and there was not as much rain as expected.

We were packing and getting ready to leave Sunday morning when we saw three loons on the lake not too far out. We decided to sit and watch them for a bit.

They are magnificent birds. As we sat there, I was telling the girls some facts about loons that they didn't know. So let me tell you some as well.

Loons are usually black and white in appearance, but did you know that in the winter, they are gray above and white below?

Loons are water birds that only go to shore to mate and incubate eggs. Their legs are placed far back on their bodies, making them excellent swimmers but awkward on land.

Have you ever watched a loon take off? Like airplanes, loons need a long runway. Loons need from 30 yards to a quarter mile

to flap their wings and run across the top of the water to get enough speed to take off. It is incredible to watch.

Another interesting fact is that loons can live up to 30 years, which is longer than Mallard ducks, at 10, and longer than Canada Geese, at 24 years.

Have you ever wondered why it is so easy for loons to dive as deep as 60 metres? Unlike other birds, loons' bones are solid rather than air-filled.

Their heavy bones reduce their buoyancy.

One last interesting fact: loons can stay under water for up to five minutes. Their red eyes help them locate prey while submerged.

Next time you are out and you see loons, sit and watch them and remember some of these facts that I have told you.

Remember, get outdoors and see what Mother Nature has to offer.



By Toni Cooper



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LETTERS

Remove education tax from seasonals

Dear editor,

As I read the comments about tax relief due to not having bus services for transportation to school and wanting a tax break, I wonder if the seasonal property owners and taxpayers can get a tax break, as we are not allowed to have our children attend the school in the first place in the area.

Maybe remove the education tax from our tax bill, which is usually higher than most year-round property tax bills.

I am sure that would be very welcome by the seasonal taxpayers.

Charles Gerditschke
Minden Hills

Devolin family thank you

Dear editor,

On behalf of the Devolin family, we want to express our deep gratitude for the loving, supportive community of the Haliburton Highlands during the strange and unexpected illness and untimely death of Brent. You have helped us enormously in the loss of our son, husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. Brent’s death has left a big loss for us.

We are grateful for the wonderful tributes to Brent in our local newspapers that caught the attention of so many. Our family has been recipients of many loving, caring, thoughtful and practical gifts. We will not forget. Your outpouring of prayers and loving support have encouraged and strengthened us during this long vigil. We know that we can continue to count on this, as we face the future without Brent.

We are certain that some of you have had questions, as we still do about Brent’s sudden illness, resulting in five weeks in a coma, and

then his death with no conclusive medical diagnosis of what caused it. These words have come to our minds as they have to others:

There is an appointed time for everything; And a time for every event under heaven – a time to give birth and a time to die. (Ecclesiastes 2: 1-2)

Life is a mystery that only God truly understands. We choose to trust Him.

Yours appreciatively,

June & Doug Devolin
Haliburton

TLDSB busing issue

Dear editor,

I’m writing as a follow-up to the article Aug 15 in *The Highlander* page 3, “Minden mom calls for non-bus tax relief.”

The expected walk to school of 1.6 km is a safety issue in itself. It is too far for children to be expected to walk, some as young as three years old. How many adults walk 1.6 km (one mile) back and forth to their place of work five days per week?

In inclement weather, the safety risk is even more of a danger to the children. With buses already travelling past the driveways of our littlest citizens, why is Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) not continuing to bus these students, thereby ensuring their safety?

The safety of our community’s children should be paramount. The corner of Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road at the bridge and post office is a constant stream of vehicles, including large trucks, both turning and driving through. It is an intersection in dire need of traffic lights for pedestrians and vehicles. It is definitely not a safe crossing for unattended children who could be on a school bus as they have been, historically.

Thanks very much to the municipality for installing the digital speed signs, however,

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Trina West captured this photo of the resident albino groundhog at Gull River golf course.

we need to go a step further. The current two courtesy crosswalks in downtown Minden are not good enough. Install traffic lights at the bridge - that street is difficult for an adult to cross, at the best of times, never mind a child. Ensure sidewalks are cleared – especially the bridge.

Minden Hills council should be pressuring TLDSB to hire crossing guards, placed in strategic locations - one hour before the start of school and until one hour after. Without implementing these changes, TLDSB’s comparisons to other municipalities are meaningless.

Karin Kleer
Minden

Highlands East roads

Dear editor,

Some road repair was done on County Road 503 west of the town of Gooderham and has been posted with a ‘bump’ sign.

In my opinion it is more than just a bump and somewhat dangerous. Perhaps there needs to be an inspection of this and have someone who is well versed in road repair to re-evaluate this issue and fix it as it has become a contentious issue for many and safety should be a priority.

Also, Glamorgan Road (formerly Buckhorn Road) has been posted 80 kilometres per hour for over 50 years. The County, in its wisdom, posted a section of said road at 60 kilometres in recent times, if only to appease a very small minority.

To my knowledge, no in-depth safety traffic analysis has been undertaken, therefore no rationale for the speed reduction should have been initiated. It would be logical to remove these 60 kilometre signs in order to maintain the status quo of 80 and the steady flow of traffic.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham

HUMANS OF HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS

Steps on the road to adventure

By Susan Tromanhauser

Tristan Ewles’s life goal is to live in a tropical paradise, “Mexico or Panama, pina coladas on the beach and hot yoga on the sand.” The Haliburton Highlands may not be tropical but it is an important port along the journey to Ewles’ utopia. Currently, Ewles is living on site as an apprentice at Hawk Lake Marina. Completing his marine mechanic’s license will be his ticket to achieve his dream as “working on boats leads to the ocean.”

There have been many stops along the way in 25-year-old Ewles’s life. Born in Brampton, raised in the Midland area, his parent’s divorce led to being uprooted to Orillia, and then Barrie. At an early age, Ewles became independent and learned hard work was necessary to manifest goals.

Ewles put his strong work ethic and curiosity about science into a job growing marijuana. He was excited to be part of the team that won the Cannabis Cup, a world

leading cannabis competition and trade show showcasing the legal trade of marijuana. When the company’s focus shifted from the health benefits of cannabis to profits, Ewles left in pursuit of exploration and adventure.

Ewles spent two seasons tree planting in the Prince George area of British Columbia. He describes the job as difficult but rewarding. In a 10-hour shift, Ewles would plant up to 4,000 trees. He developed great friendships living with team members in tents in the bush. There were even a few unexpected meet-ups with bears. The money Ewles earned was good and he gained an appreciation for the beauty and serenity of the mountains.

Reconnecting with his father led to the opportunity at Hawk Lake Marina. He had not talked with his father in a few years, so an invitation to the Haliburton area meant getting “time back with dad.” Working alongside his father also meant the prospect of becoming a licensed marine mechanic.

Ewles is very appreciative of the opportunity as he enjoys the work and wants to support the marina to “make it a staple of Haliburton (County).”

He has come to enjoy his time in the Highlands. It has the same calmness as the mountains, there is “no honking on the street” and he likes the water and the people. He is particularly enjoying the time he is getting back with this father. However, Ewles laughs when he mentions he still hasn’t had the opportunity to “mingle with young ladies” he was assured were here.

As much as he is enjoying and benefiting from his time in Haliburton County, Ewles is still striving for his goal of life on a tropical beach. He feels “Canada is steadily declining and it is hard for a young man to make his place.” In the meantime, his plan is to work hard, make some money, and finish his mechanic training before he embarks on his next adventure.



Tristan Ewles. Submitted.

Artists' passion continues to burn

By Mike Baker

Artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward were exploring more rural parts of Haliburton County in 2009 when they stumbled upon a large, abandoned machine that looked like it had been pulled from the industrial revolution era.

A massive standalone burner once used to dispose of sawdust and woodchips at the old G.W. Martin lumber mill in Harcourt, the machine stands out like a sore thumb surrounded by land reclaimed by nature. Blundell believes it's one of only a couple old-school sawmill incinerators still standing in Ontario.

So struck by their find, the pair spent years perfecting a travelling art exhibit dedicated to the historical piece, naming it "Burner Herzog." The show will debut at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery Aug. 22, running until Nov. 23.

"The burner itself is this very strange, huge, sort of monument. When we first came across it, we didn't know what it was. It reminded us of Werner Herzog stone, and we just started laughing about that, about this funny thing in the middle of nowhere," Ward said.

Blundell added, "it's just this really odd, kind of corrugated iron teepee. It's a beehive shape and, as far as I can tell, it burned 24 hours a day when it was operational."

Now way past its heyday, the burner is getting a second chance at life thanks to Ward and Blundell. The pair say they did a

few paintings immediately after finding the structure about 15 years ago and revisited the project during the pandemic.

Concerned about the threat of COVID-19 and wanting to observe provincial stay-at-home measures, Ward said they started to think about locally-inspired works they could turn their attention to. The burner was top of both their lists.

Blundell has completed seven oil paintings on carved plywood, plus another 15 pieces on paper with gouache paint, while Ward is contributing eight paintings on wood and numerous paper pieces. All in, the pair has more than 30 pieces included in the show.

This will be the third time it's been on display – though the first in Haliburton County. It was at the Orillia Museum of Art and History in 2022, and the Tom Thomson Gallery in Owen Sound last year.

With the focus on logging operations, Blundell said the exhibit will also feature famed works by Andre Lepine, who has a dedicated space in the gallery, as well as artifacts from the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village. A short documentary Blundell and Ward commissioned looking at the burner's history will also be available for viewing.

"Logging and mining were major industries in this area... it's been nice for us tapping into that, learning about what came before, and using art to capture this important piece of history," Blundell said, noting they will be leading trips to the burner in the fall.



Victoria Ward and Gary Blundell have compiled an art exhibit inspired by an old sawdust burner in Harcourt, pictured. *Submitted.*

After 30 years of working together, Ward and Blundell say they've found their niche – following up on quirky finds and passions from their earlier years. They say 'Burner Herzog' is among their favourite ever creations.

"We hope people come out to see it," Ward said.

An opening reception with the artists will take place at the gallery Aug. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Indigenous creative brings 3D figures to Forest

By Lillie Qiu

Jared Tait, an Indigenous artist from Sachigo First Nations, held a week-long residency program at the Haliburton School of Art + Design Aug. 12-16.

The residency, called Bawaajigan, engaged the community in art to create 3D animals in the woodland style of painting.

Tait remembers starting painting in his 20s, but having grown up watching his dad work a brush.

"If I started too young, I would have lost interest pretty quickly. I think I'm more mature now. A lot of distractions are gone, because I used to struggle with alcohol and drugs... being young and Indigenous and not feeling like you belong anywhere."

Tait says his life before art was using drugs, relapsing and falling back on his addictions.

"Once I started messing around with painting, it just kind of became my life pretty much."

"My father was an artist. Growing up, the walls would be covered

with paintings. In his studio, I would help him paint a lot, I would go to art markets with him and shows. [Painting] was just something that my dad did that I thought I had no right to do."

The residency took place in a tent just outside of the school. There were people painting inside the tent and Tait's daughter was there too, painting on top of her dad's works of art.

What inspires Tait is wanting to learn more about Indigenous culture and Indigenous art.

"I'm always learning something." Many Indigenous artists draw on their ancestral connections, combining these with their Indigenous knowledge to create works of art.

Tait mixes his own colours and avoids using a lot of primary colours, which can be seen in the beautiful teal blues and off-colour yellows.

The three-dimensional woodland figures painted during the residency were unveiled inside the Haliburton Sculpture Forest Aug. 17.



Jared Tait holds one of his paintings at the event that took place on Aug. 12. *Photo by Lillie Qiu.*

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Boshkung bash celebrates 10 years and counting

Boshkung Brewing Co. held its 10th annual birthday party Aug. 10, taking over Water Street in Minden. Owners Mathew Renda and Mike Rae got a permit from the township to close part of the road for a street party and celebration. There were live performances and a DJ. People gathered around tables, tasting ales and beer from the brewhouse and other alcohols from vendors. The inside of the restaurant was busy with people congratulating Renda and Rae on the milestone. Renda said, “10 years is a pretty big achievement, especially in food and hospitality. Boshkung has been pretty honoured to call Haliburton County home for 10 years. So, for us, it means quite a bit.” Having a 10th birthday party was a way to “give back to the community that supports us day in and day out, 12 months a year.” In terms of plans for the future, Renda said, “there’s always plans. Currently, we have three locations. Potentially, we’re hoping to kind of expand and grow a little bit outside Haliburton County, just to take what we bring up in Haliburton County to other areas... Kawartha Lakes, Durham Region, wherever we can take the brand to drive people back up here, just so people can experience it.” Renda also wanted to thank his team, the staff of Boshkung Social, for putting the event together.

Owners of Boshkung Brewing Co., Mike Rae and Mathew Renda, at their street party Aug. 10. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

Kawartha Arts Festival - Fenelon Falls

The Kawartha Arts Festival is back for its 35th year and promises to be bigger and better than ever! Taking place in the beautiful town of Fenelon Falls, Ontario, this year’s festival boasts over 100 artists showcasing their original artwork.

The Kawartha Arts Festival is a highly anticipated event in the art community, drawing artists and enthusiasts from all over the province. This year’s festival features a wide range of mediums, including painting, sculpture, pottery and jewellery.

One of the unique features of the festival is the opportunity to engage with the artists themselves. Visitors are encouraged to ask questions, learn about the inspiration behind the artwork, and even commission custom pieces.

In addition to the stunning artwork, the festival offers live entertainment throughout the day. Local musicians take the stage to showcase their talents, providing a festival atmosphere and making the Kawartha Lakes Art Festival a true celebration of the arts.

The festival is a great way to support local artists and appreciate the beauty of original artwork. Whether you’re a seasoned collector or just starting out, there is something for everyone at this year’s festival. So, mark your calendar and make your way to Fenelon Falls Fairgrounds located at 27 Veterans Way for a weekend of art, entertainment, and community.

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It was a birthday celebration for turtles at Turtle Guardians in Haliburton Aug. 18. The event was to meet the hatchlings. Kids and their parents and guardians showed up to hold the turtles incubated at Turtle Guardians, meet and pet the hatchlings, and learn about the habitat of turtles, and their life as guardians of nature. There was a staff biologist inside the turtle hatchery and volunteers, who brought elder turtles outside of their tanks for people to hold. Turtle Guardians’ founder Leora Berman said, “it’s just a really inspiring and lovely thing to see all these young turtles and learn about turtle biology and behaviour, and why they’re so specific in their behaviour, and how to help them, and the fact that we are losing them rapidly.” Turtles are an important part of the ecosystem, acting as cleaning agents for their ecosystems, whether wetlands or lakes. “Turtles are the best janitors and best gardeners of our aquatic ecosystems. They truly, just like the Anishinaabek creation story, hold up 70 per cent of our fish and wildlife. Without turtles doing the job of scavenging all the carcasses in the water, whether it’s a polliwog or a beaver or anything that died in the water, we would have bacteria counts through the roof, and no other animal, and not a human, can replicate what the turtle does,” Berman said. Turtle Guardians is the third largest incubator of turtles in Ontario. The event also aimed to demystify myths about turtles, such as ones involving snapping turtles biting humans.

Raeya Reinwald holds a turtle, with younger sister Samantha Reinwald and volunteer Michaela Dupuis. Photo by Lillie Qiu.

We all scream for ice cream

There was a kids’ ice cream making workshop at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Aug. 9. Elyse Boisvert said, “we have one bag that has half and half whipping cream, with some vanilla and some sugar, and in a bigger bag, we have some ice and salt, and you put the smaller bag into the bigger bag, shake it really hard for around 10 minutes, and then the whipping cream and all the other ingredients will start to form ice cream over time.” The hour-long event was part of the cultural centre’s drop-in programming for the month. Ice cream making is part of the heritage programs and activities, which allow kids to learn the old-fashioned ways of doing things.

Elyse Boisvert ran a kids’ ice cream making program Aug. 9. Photo by Lillie Qiu.



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Hitting the links for HAVE

Help A Village Effort, or HAVE, held its annual fundraising golf tournament at the Gull River Golf Course in Minden Aug. 15. President Michel Coneybeare said it is their biggest fundraiser with a goal this year of \$25,000. “Tons of community support as there is with everything that happens in Haliburton County,” she said. They work with four NGOs (non-governmental organizations), predominately in India. They currently have two proposals they need to raise money for. They do wells and sanitation units. “Our heart opens even more when it’s a village that has a school,” Coneybeare added. She said an average well costs \$2,500, so the golf tournament would raise enough for 10 wells, with an average well impacting 1,000 to 2,000 people. She said they will soon be recruiting for new board members and corporate sponsorship. HAVE was founded by Ron Reid in Minden in 1982. Those interested in learning more can go to HelpAVillageEffort.org.

Top: Golfers in their carts prepare for a shotgun start. Middle: McKay Coneybeare, Angelo Devera, Tom Ecclestone and Chris Coneybeare about to drive off the first tee. Above: HAVE board members, Cathy Stephens, Michele Coneybeare, and Debbie Wales.
Photos by Lisa Gervais.



Minden Hills Dairy Queen took part in Miracle Treat Day Aug. 8. Pictured are Shorti and Dany Patel, Jess Estrada, and owner Ritesh Patel. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

County residents help sick kids

Miracle Treat Day returned for the 22nd year Aug. 8, with DQ customers in Minden supporting children receiving care by purchasing Blizzard treats. Net proceeds will be donated to SickKids Foundation, one of 12 Children’s Miracle Network hospital foundations across Canada.



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Lions pass hat for Katie and Sick Kids

The Haliburton and District Lions Club presented a \$250 cheque to Katie Woodward Aug. 6. Woodward is taking part in her third Sick Kids Great Cycle Challenge to fight childhood cancer earlier this month. The cheque presentation was at the train at the high school. Woodward said, “when I heard about the cause, it really spoke to me. My husband has dealt with cancer, I’ve got friends who have cancer, and I can’t imagine how hard it is as an adult, I can’t imagine a child going through that. I cycle anyway, so why not do some good while cycling?” Woodward’s goal is to ride a minimum of 500 km this August. Her goal for this year was to raise \$7,000 but she’s already surpassed that by raising close to \$7,500 and hopes to raise \$8,000. “What I hope for is that more people get involved.”

On Aug. 10 at 10 a.m., Woodward did a group ride with the Haliburton ATV Association. The ride was from Cemetery Road in Gelert to Haliburton. Cyclists and ATV riders don’t typically mix, except on multi-use trails. The ATV association will also be donating financially to the cause and donating time to help raise more awareness and money for kids cancer. The link to donate is greatcyclechallenge.ca/riders/katiewoodward.

Katie Woodward, centre, stands with members of the Haliburton and District Lions Club on the field at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. *Submitted.*



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Simon Payn, owner of Highlands ecological landscaping company Grounded, says he’s heard that a few times this year.

He had almost 2,000 arrive in the parking lot of Lucas House in Haliburton in May. And then another 800 shortly after.

“It is a lot of plants,” says Payn. “But you need a lot of plants if you’re doing it right.”

Grounded creates ecological landscapes by using native species and planting them in a naturalistic way. It helps fix up shorelines, replace lawns or cover septic leach beds in greenery.

Payn says you only have to look at nature and realize that nature uses a lot of plants.

“I helped a turtle cross Kennaway Road this week and spent a few minutes looking at the plants around the wetland the turtle was heading to,” he says. “If you look carefully, you notice there are many different plants per square foot, some hugging the ground, others growing taller.

“All of them are working together to create habitat - an ecosystem.”

The owner of Grounded says using a lot of plants is what differentiates naturalistic landscaping from traditional landscaping.

“If you look at planted areas, particularly in municipal or corporate settings, you see plants spread out, surrounded by mulch,” he says. “But nature isn’t like that.

“Plants find their own way and rub along together just fine. They have different growth habits so, for example, they’re not necessarily competing for root space or access to sunlight, even though they’re occupying the same patch of ground.”

Dense, layered, community

Payn says he has three rules about natural landscaping: plant densely, plant in layers, and create a community.

“I use small plants and put them in the ground no more than 12 inches apart, sometimes closer,” says. “Then when they establish, they’re touching each other, shading out the ground and stopping plants

you don’t want from growing.”

The landscaper designs in layers. “I have a groundcover layer, which might be grasses or sedges, or some kind of ground-hugging plant. Then I have a vignette layer, where you get different flowers poking up at different times of the year. And finally, in most situations, I have a structure layer of plants that stay pretty much the same all season. These might be ferns or shrubs.”

Plants find their own way and rub along together just fine.

Simon Payn, Grounded

Payn says doing this, and by choosing complementary plants, he’s creating a kind of community.

“I’m not going to

claim I’m creating a complete ecosystem,” he says. “But I’m getting close to it.”

The gardener says this is one way that helps a new landscape succeed. “It means you reduce the chances of things you don’t want, and also means you get to a low-maintenance situation more quickly.”

It starts with one plant

But isn’t using a lot of plants expensive? Payn says he chooses young, small plants.

“Native plant growers sell these young plants quite cheaply. It’s actually quite amazing how many plants you can get for your money, particularly if you’re prepared to buy lots of the same species. They’re easier to put in the ground, too.”

While the Grounded owner is a big fan of using lots of plants, he says just using one plant is better than using none.

“It all starts with one plant. Put it in the ground and see what happens. Maybe you’ll see a butterfly or wasp on that plant and fall in love with native plants.”

Payn says nature is wise, and the closer we get to doing what nature does, the better it is for nature and for us too.

“Imagine what would happen if we used enough plants to bring nature back to our landscapes all over Haliburton County and across Ontario!

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Lynette Gray, Pamela England, and Dave Roberts present a cheque to Minden Community Food Centre representatives Don Veno and Jean Munroe Aug. 7. Photo by Mike Baker.

Minden food bank ups hamper sizes

By Mike Baker

The Minden Community Food Centre has increased its monthly food allotments for residents in need, with manager, Jean Munroe, saying people are having more trouble than ever putting food on the table.

“It’s getting bad out there – we’re hearing stories of people going hungry, not having enough food to feed their families. We decided we have to do something,” Munroe told *The Highlander*.

Through the first six months of 2024, the food bank served an average of 277 people per month, up from the average of 255 people last year. She said demand has increased year-over-year since 2021.

Everyone receives a hamper containing meats, canned and frozen food, fruits and vegetables, and other non-perishable snacks.

Munroe said the amount of food people receive has always been based on family size – that isn’t changing, but hamper portions are.

“We increased our hampers from five days’ worth of food to seven days worth of food. We also increased the amount of food they receive - such as dairy and eggs, vegetables and protein,” Munroe said. “The average family of three would receive around 80 to 90 pounds of food. On average, the cost of each pound is \$3.54, which works out to \$283.20 of groceries in each hamper.”

A recent addition, the food bank also provides visitors with recipe packages that include all the necessary ingredients to create a healthy meal.

“We usually have three or four choices to choose from - the clients love this because they are trying something new and it is encouraging them to make their food go further and feed more people,” Munroe said, noting the food bank consulted a dietician to come up with meal options.

The increased food limits came into effect in July.

Munroe said it’s put an extra burden on the food bank’s coffers, with monthly food costs now running between \$5,000 and \$7,000 a month, up about 20 per cent from last year.

An agreement with Dollo’s Foodland and Easton’s Valu-Mart means fresh produce remains on the menu year-round, Munroe added.

“Vegetables are going to be on the menu weekly when everyone comes in,” she said, noting items will be collected from the food bank’s vegetable garden plots in the spring, summer and fall – topped up with donations from the grocers. Munroe said Foodland and Valu-Mart have committed to supplying the food bank with fruits and veggies through winter.

The Minden food bank served 3,060 people last year, a record number. Munroe expects a new record to be set come the end of 2024.

“Unfortunately, we are just a Band-Aid to a much larger issue regarding food insecurity. Employment, cost of housing, food, and transportation - it all affects those living in a small town,” Munroe said.

Bob Lake donates

Lynette Gray, Pamela England, and Dave Roberts – representing the Bob Lake Association – visited the food bank Aug. 7 to hand over a cheque for \$5,055, proceeds from this year’s ‘Rock the Dock’ fundraiser.

Now into its third year, the event has raised more than \$12,000 for the food centre.

“This year is our biggest year yet – we introduced a raffle, which really helped to get people involved. The Bob Lake community has been really supportive,” Gray said. “I think it’s important to support the food bank because of the high cost of living and increasing food prices.”

Roberts added, “raising money the way we are, and choosing the Minden Community Food Centre as our recipient, helps to keep things very local. We could donate elsewhere, but you don’t really feel it in the community. This keeps the money where it’s needed. We can see the good it’s doing every day when the food bank is open.”

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Left: Kim Restivo Galea and Susan Forrester, of the Kinmount and District Health Services Foundation, at the Kinmount Journey for Health fundraiser Aug. 11. Right: Eden Shaw, Lynne Kilby, and Mary Jane Tyndale volunteered at the fundraiser, making decorative balloons for children. *Photos by Mike Baker.*

Journey for health raises \$14k for Kinmount clinic

By Mike Baker

The volunteer executive charged with recruiting and retaining doctors in Kinmount say they hope to bring at least one new physician to the community next year – and now they have the funds to pull it off.

Kim Restivo Galea and Susan Forrester have been working with the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation (KDHSF) for years to bolster health services in the area. They were at the 26th annual Journey for Health fundraiser at Austin Sawmill Park Aug. 11, which saw approximately 100 participants raise just over \$14,000.

That will pay just over a third of the relocation fee KDHSF offers new recruits – Restivo Galea said the community provides a one-time \$30,000 bonus to new family physicians and also covers costs for site visits, while assisting with necessities such as house hunting, securing a vehicle and getting settled in.

“Competition is extremely stiff between

municipalities competing for physicians. We want to be able to offer a competitive relocation incentive – we have to do that if we have any hope of someone coming here to practice,” Forrester said. “We like to have enough money in our budget so that if a doctor says yes, we can proceed right away.”

It’s not as simple as someone handing in notice at their current position, hopping in a car and driving to cottage country, though. Forrester said the 10 leads the foundation has had over the past year - doctors who have shown an interest in working in Kinmount, all live overseas.

While that brings challenges, Forrester said searching internationally is the only realistic way to fill much-needed positions. Kinmount welcomed Dr. Lesslie Ponraja, an immigrant from the UK, in February 2023. He’s fit in well at the health centre, assuming the practice following Dr. Elena Mihiu’s retirement last summer.

With approximately 2,000 patients on Ponraja’s rota, Forrester said the foundation

is committed to finding two more physicians to bring to Kinmount. “We can help physicians fill out the paperwork to have their credentials vetted by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. We also complete a labour market impact assessment to show we couldn’t get a Canadian doctor to work here,” Forrester said. “We’re one of the closest locations to the GTA that qualifies for the Northern and Rural Recruitment and Retention Initiative... which can earn physicians up to an additional \$88,000.”

Forrester is optimistic - two foreign doctors recently completed site visits in Kinmount and are considering the community.

“They just need to decide if it’s Kinmount or somewhere else – they always have multiple offers,” she said.

Several physicians currently working elsewhere in Canada have also been in touch, liking the idea of working the twilight years of their career in cottage country.

“We are on the map now, which is just awesome,” Restivo Galea said. “It really helps having Dr. Ponraja here, because he’s proof this works. He’s moved from another country and is thriving in Kinmount.”

Some of the funds from this year’s fundraiser will go to upgrades at the clinic. Forrester thanked the community for supporting this year’s record-breaking fundraiser, which she said saw considerable support from the Minden community still reeling from the loss of its emergency department.

“For a lot of people, we don’t have a local hospital. Our clinic is all we have. We’re so far away from other medical services, the health and future of our community depends on the success of the health centre,” she said. “Our hope is, someday, we won’t have to do this. We want the government to fix healthcare so we don’t have to ask local people for support.”



Amazing racers fill food bank coffers

The Haliburton Highlands Amazing Race took over Minden Aug. 17. There were eight stations, including the Minden community park behind the hockey rink, the parking lot at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and Panorama Park Lookout. Contestants aged 50 and up competed in teams of two. Participants were encouraged to come up with a team name and wear matching outfits, such as t-shirts, on the day of the race. All of the proceeds raised, and food donated during the race, were for the Minden Community Food Centre. Some challenges involved getting food donations, which went directly to the food bank. The Minden library, one of the race stations, asked participants to solve an intellectual challenge using books, while some other challenges were more physical, such as throwing a ball. There were prizes awarded to the highest-scoring teams from the challenges. After the race, there was a BBQ party, where awards were presented to winners and a presentation made to the food bank. The race had 18 participants, and nine cars. “So, it’s like a car rally, where they would go to eight different stations,” said Anna Froebe, a co-organizer of the event. The couple that won first place in the food collecting station gathered 89 pounds of food. There was a canoeing challenge called Capture the Flag, where contestants had to canoe a quarter of a kilometre, go to an island, and retrieve a flag and bring it back. There were bonus challenges outside of the race stations that contestants could choose to take on, with points from the bonus challenges going towards their final score. Froebe said, “In total, we raised \$1,500 and 308 pounds of non-perishable food items for the food bank. So, we’re really quite happy about that.” (Lillie Qiu).

Dan Schnurr and Jane McCarthy at one of the Amazing Race stations doing a cornhole throw. *Submitted.*



Revving up their engines

The Toronto Outdoor Racing Club (TORC) held its annual boat races on Head Lake Aug. 16-18. There were racers from as far away as the United States, as well as five locals. They said they like the location because of its close proximity to hotels and restaurants in downtown Haliburton. Organizer Barb Hammond said, “we always have a banquet at a local spot, and [the racers] love it.” Hammond got involved because her kids race and her family lives in Haliburton. She brought the race to the County by asking the president of TORC if they could host a race in the Highlands, so they approached Dysart et al, and it happened. Now in their ninth year, the powerboat races bring in full-time and seasonal residents as well as tourists. “It’s a spectacular sport to watch, because it’s speed,” Hammond said. She added they are always looking for new racers. “We offer a boat racing school in early May. We can take racers, kids that are eight years old, and put them in beginner boats. We give them the day of lessons, and if they are interested, we help the family outfit them in a boat, safety gear and they learn how to race,” Hammond said. The event’s proceeds benefit the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and Haliburton hospital.

A boat racer comes through the buoys that are placed on the water at Head Lake on Aug. 18 at the TORC annual powerboat races event. *Photo by Lillie Qiu.*

Navigating life's questions during a stretch

The Wolves, a play by Sarah DeLappe, was performed at the Haliburton Legion last week. There were five performances of the *New York Times*-acclaimed play from Aug. 15 to 17. It’s about a girls’ indoor soccer team that navigates big questions about life while stretching and warming up. The play, which is set in the U.S., shows how life is and what topics 16-year-old girls like to discuss. Topics ranged from the Khmer Rouge, to a fight that explodes about boyfriends, to ignorance about someone’s background, and confusing Armenian with Mexican. It’s a portrait of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for nine girls who just want to score some goals. “The scary, exhilarating brightness of raw adolescence emanates from every scene of this uncannily assured first play by Sarah DeLappe,” said a *New York Times* review. *The Wolves* was produced locally by theatre troupe Ctrl-Alt-Del.

Spencer Zumpano, Janice Kiteley, Willow Brown, Alex Humphrey Hannah Klose, Taliah Dumas-Stephenson and Viliya Ianovskaia in a scene from *The Wolves*.
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A truly exceptional kids soccer season

On another hot Thursday afternoon, Aug. 15, players eagerly took to the field, ready for action. With the season now in its final stretch, these young athletes are putting the finishing touches on their skills, showing remarkable hustle and enthusiasm. It's been a joy for the coaches to watch each player grow, as the drills and skills training become more ingrained and polished with every practice. The improvement in gameplay is evident week after week, with players moving with greater confidence and precision. The dedication they've shown is truly inspiring, and their positive attitudes make every session a pleasure. Coaches are not only seeing the physical growth but also a deepening love for the game in each child. As the season winds down, it's clear that this summer has been a stellar one, filled with memorable moments, hard-earned progress, and a community spirit that has made every hot afternoon worthwhile. The excitement and passion these kids bring to the field have made this soccer season truly exceptional. *Submitted.*



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Boys 10-13 White

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Claire Ryalen and Nessie Legge



Girls 10-13 Red

Ruby Mansfield and Lily Smith



Stories in the Park focused on family fun

By Mike Baker

If you're looking to get lost in a fun, captivating story under the summer sun, the Haliburton and District Lions Club has just the event coming next week.

The fifth annual Stories in the Park fun fair takes over Head Lake Park Aug. 28. Running from noon to 2 p.m. attendees will have the chance to listen to readings from seasoned authors, enjoy games and activities provided by community service groups, and a free lunch.

While geared towards young children, the event has attracted people of all ages in recent years, said Lions club member, Gail Stelter.

"It's gotten bigger and bigger every year," Stelter said. "One of the major things our club is committed to is children's literacy. When this event started, it was COVID and we had a lot of restrictions. We wanted to offer a safe event where families could come and have a bit of fun. That directive has not changed."

More of a summertime carnival than a reading event now, Stelter said there will be lots of activities. An array of community partners, such as the Haliburton Highlands Museum, Turtle Guardians, EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Point in Time, SIRCH Community Services, and the Haliburton

County Public Library will have pop-up games and stations providing information about their services.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP, Dysart et al fire department, and Haliburton Highlands EMS will also be in attendance, bringing vehicles for youth to tour.

The Lions Club is hosting a bean bag toss, mini putt, ladder toss, giant pick-up sticks, fish pond, and parachute games. Stelter said they're also ensuring every child leaves the event with a new book, provided by the Lions Club.

Gord Kidd and friends will be putting on a family dance party, with Stelter saying there are fun photo boards, and paint-a-story activities for families. Stories will be read throughout the event by volunteers, including children's authors Daniela Ferrante and Dina Russo-De Cotiis.

"You can paint a story, hear a story, act out a story – there's no end to the fun people can have," Stelter said.

She estimates the event will draw between 400 and 500 people. It's free to attend.

"Come and see the smiles and experience the joy," Stelter said. "Who doesn't enjoy hearing a lovely story? When I'm doing my readings, I have as many parents listening in and laughing and having fun with us. This is community fun at its best."



The Haliburton and District Lions' Club's annual Stories in the Park returns Aug. 28. *File.*



Pride Week underway in Highlands

The Pride flag-raising ceremony took place Aug. 19 at the Township of Minden Hills office on Milne Street. Minden Pride chair Allan Guinan talked about the importance of allies for members of the LGBT+ community and about being one's authentic self. The flag-raising ceremony marked the official beginning of Minden Pride Week, Aug. 19 to 25. Minden Pride's motto is "everyone is welcome". Members of the OPP were there to show support, and the community showed up to support one another and take part in the celebration. The flag-raising ceremony and festival opening was presented by Up River Trading Co., a sponsor since the beginning of Minden Pride. Events that people can look forward to are: the Burlesque Ball at the Pinestone Resort Aug. 23 and the Float with Pride River Parade on the Gull River in Minden, Aug. 25. The week-long celebration aims to include everyone and allows people to be open, loud and proud about being their authentic selves. Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Jamie Schmale was at the event, along with deputy mayor of Minden Hills, Lisa Schell. Both spoke a few words before the flag raising. Both echoed sentiments of pride in being oneself and the support of the community in hosting a Pride Week in Minden. Guinan said that because Pride Week is in its ninth year, people sort of know the program of what's being offered. "We're getting lots of people signing up for the River Parade, we know that the Burlesque Ball event is sold out, so I think it's going to be a really great week." "The County and the people who participate have been really great supporters, and so we're really grateful and thankful for that." Other events include a Mad Hatter Tea Party at Hook, Line and Sinker from 1-4 p.m. Aug. 24.

Above left: Amber Dreger, Matty Smith, and Samantha Beam at the Voices of Pride event at the Minden Cultural Centre Aug. 20. The event doubled as an art showcase, with hors d'oeuvres provided by EAT Cheeserie + Cocktails and a drinks bar. Above right: Allan Guinan, chair of Minden Pride, about to make his opening remarks at the official flag-raising ceremony to open Minden Pride Week. *Photos by Lillie Qiu.*



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Deco-dence to celebrate diversity

By Lillie Qiu

Deco-dence, a Burlesque ball, is returning Aug. 23 to the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton.

The event is being presented by Red Events and the Haliburton Arts Centre Foundation. All proceeds will go to the foundation.

Organizers say the event is “beloved” by the community and aims to celebrate diversity, the arts, human-ness, a little bit of cheekiness, and a lot of Deco-dence. The name is a play on words to decadence, coming from the 1920s and 30s extravagance of the art deco era.

Collin Burke, founder and director of the Burlesque Ball, said, “we have a lot more diverse performances than previous years. We have the best performers. We also have instrumental performers. We have installation video arts this time, we have dancers. It’s a much bigger presentation. As far as different types of art forms being presented, we were fortunate enough to receive a local initiative grant through HCDC, so we’ve been able to hire more local performers.

“Originally, I wanted to destigmatize a little bit the art of drag and the art of burlesque,” Burke said. “Two years ago, I saw a room full of great people, diverse people, just having an amazing time and celebrating being human.”

The foundation’s goal is to create a new performing arts centre in Haliburton for plays, concerts, dance, opera, music, film and masterclasses. President Dan Manley said, “Haliburton has a vibrant, expanding arts community. It’s time we have a venue large enough and flexible enough for us to grow and thrive.”

Melissa Tong, one of the organizers of the event, said, “we’re a very artsy, social community. This is a little bit out there compared to what is normally presented as an option for a performance venue.” She said while there are similar offerings in Toronto,



Organizers of the ball, Melissa Tong, Julie Barban, Daniela Pagliaro and Collin Burke sit inside the Pinestone before a committee planning meeting for the event. *Photo by Lillie Qiu.*

locals don’t want to necessarily spend the time and money traveling.

This year’s event will feature paid performers from the local community and professional drag and burlesque artists from Toronto. Local queer youth will also be featured in a secondary performance space as well as a video installation by local artists.

Daniela Pagliaro, treasurer and member of the organizing committee, said she got

involved because her daughter is gay but also as part of a personal cancer journey.

“For me, personally, it was super special, because it was an opportunity to be open in terms of my new physical body,” Pagliaro said, referring to her breast cancer journey and having attended the event after having her breasts removed.

“I was able to dress in a way that showed it off and not worry about how that was

going to be perceived by the public because it was in an environment that was super accepting and about diversity and inclusion and about being whoever you are, and being comfortable with who you are.”

The event is sold out. It is a cash only event. Organizers are asking people attending to drink responsibly and play nicely.

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Additions: Minden Point Trail
Bass Lane

Additional information, and a copy of the proposed by-law, is available by contacting the Clerk.

Dated August 21, 2024.

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NOTICE

COUNCIL TOUR OF MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

TAKE NOTICE members of Council will be participating in a tour, for educational purposes, of municipal infrastructure located in the Township of Algonquin Highlands on Thursday, August 29th, commencing at 9:00 AM.

The tour will not be used for any decision making of Council or to advance the business of the Township. If you have any questions, please contact:

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Dated August 19, 2024.

EVENTS

Aug. 23, 1 p.m.
Check out a screening of *The Mitchells vs. the Machines* at the Minden Hills library. Snacks will be provided. No registration required. The screening will take place in the Welch Room, in collaboration with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Aug. 24, 11 a.m.
Let the wild rumpus start. Come to the Minden library for a special reading of *Where the Wild Things Are*, with themed crafts, activities, snacks, photo station, and scavenger hunt for wild things. Registration required. For children 12 and under. Visit haliburtonlibrary.ca or call 705-457-2241 to register.

Aug. 24, 1:15 to 4 p.m.
‘Old Times’ afternoon tea at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Museum, located at 2314 Loop Rd. Enjoy old fashioned tea and sweets. Bring a friend and make new ones in a special place. Organized by the Wilberforce Heritage Guild.

Aug. 27, 10 a.m.
Join us for a free guided walking tour in the Haliburton Sculpture Forest. Meet at the kiosk in the Haliburton School of Art + Design parking lot. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Tours are held rain or shine and can take up to two hours. Tours are happening every Tuesday in August and are free, though donations are greatly appreciated. For more information, visit haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

Aug. 27, 2 p.m.
Get messy and conduct your own experiment at Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Create your own Oobleck mixture with cornstarch. Materials are provided. All are welcome.

Aug. 28, 8 p.m.
If you enjoy local history, come to the Miners’ Bay Church at 1017 Miners’ Bay Rd., at the foot of the rock cut, the evening will consist of 10 or 12 brief vignettes of the local area, accompanied by a historic postcard, photograph, or artifact that relates to the story. Topics include the Gull Lake and surrounding area, local exploration, the timber trade, early tourism in the Highlands and more. This is the final event of the summer. For more information, call Russ at 705-935-1863.

Aug. 29, 2 p.m.
Ready to rock the world with your artistic skills, check out a new Zen rock painting session at Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Come and show us what you can do with rocks. All are welcome.

Sept. 3, 6:30 p.m.
Join the Minden and District Horticultural Society at the Minden Community Centre for its monthly meeting. Guest speakers Hazel and Joe Cook will be discussing ‘beekeepers from a gardener’s perspective’. The junior members program, designed for children in Grade 2 or higher interested in all things that grow, will meet from 6 to 7 p.m.

Sept. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
SIRCH Repair Cafe returns - bring your broken textiles, toys, small appliances, computers, bicycles, lawn and garden tools, jewellery, wooden furniture, pottery and more to 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. For more information, or to become a volunteer fixer, contact 705-457-1742 or visit sirch.on.ca.

Sept. 9, 1 p.m.
The Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library are hosting a special conversation with NHL great Bernie Nicholls about his book *From Floodlights to Bright Lights* at the Minden Hills library. Join us for a candid collection of memories from Bernie’s childhood growing up in West Guilford and his journey to NHL stardom.

Sept. 14, 2 to 6 p.m.
Aging Together as Community Haliburton Highlands invites you to ‘The Beat Goes On’, an outdoor social and musical event happening at the West Guilford Recreation Centre. Enjoy music with the Ukuladies and other local performers. There will also be a drumming circle, sing alongs, and instrument testing. A cold buffet dinner will be served at no cost. Bring your lawn chair. To register, contact Connie Wood at constancewood@gmail.com or 705-457-7215.

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Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129 Haliburton weekly activities

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Tuesdays: League darts starting at 7 p.m. Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.

Wednesdays: Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall. Bingo is back, featuring a brand new machine. There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays: General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Fridays: Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

Saturdays: 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

Clubroom hours: Mon closed, Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519 Coboconk

Second Monday of the month: General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays: Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

First Wednesday of the month: Big Buck Bid

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Saturdays: Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

Aug. 30 - Lunch: shepherd's pie or liver and onions, \$13 per person. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food bank donations would be appreciated.

Vendors Wanted - yard, craft and bake sale. Taking place Sept. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oct. 19 - Loonie auction at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

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Boshkung Social - live music, 6 - 9 p.m.

Friday Aug 23

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Saturday Aug 24

Dominion Hotel - North Country Express, 6:00 p.m.

Rockcliffe - Bill Black

Sir Sam's Inn - live music in Gunner's -
Gord Kidd, 8 - 10 p.m.

Sunday Aug 25

Boshkung Social - Minden Pride Wrap Party

Dominion Hotel - live Music - Salt Cellars, 5 p.m.

Haliburton Highlands Brewing -
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Tuesday Aug 27

Dominion Hotel - Tiki Tuesday -
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We thank you all,
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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the very sudden passing of Wyatt, at home with Debbie by his side.

Wyatt was a loving son, husband, father, poppa, brother, brother-in-law, son-in-law, uncle, nephew and loyal friend.

Wyatt leaves behind Debbie, his devoted wife, best friend and sole caregiver for the past 10 years, as there are few PSW's and no one to fill the positions. He leaves his sons; Kent (deceased-2002), Philip (Shani) and David as well as his cherished grandchildren Jordyn, Ryan, Travis and Scarlett (really a grandniece but he was her poppa).

He is survived by his siblings; Doris and Glenn Chambers, Elaine Bryant and predeceased by Glen, Bernard and predeceased by Brenda, Reta and Paul Burrows, Larry and Carol, Sheila Shaw, Shelley and Dave Pratt; Son of the late Byard and Myrtle. His in-laws Laverne Greer and predeceased by Ruby, Barb and Bill Travis, Randy and Heather, Kim and Reid Harrison, Tammy and Brian Cooper and Tim and Stacey. He was a favourite uncle to many nieces and nephews.

For the past 10 years, Wyatt's life has been challenging. In March 2014, he was injured by a sheet of ice falling off the roof, severing his spinal cord and leaving him paralyzed from the shoulders down. He suffered many complications from the sedentary lifestyle, involving frequent hospital stays. However he was usually positive and in good spirits, which in itself was a remarkable feat considering his condition.

Wyatt will be greatly missed by his family, immediate and extended, and numerous friends.

We love you Wyatt and may your suffering be over.

Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Wyatt's Life will be held on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at the Norland Recreation Centre, 7675 Hwy 35, Norland from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Mariam Aggett

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Brittany McCaw, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
E-Mail: bmccaw@highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands
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Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1S0
Email: dmugfordguay@algonquinhighlands.ca



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by Barbara Olson
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- Across
- 1 "Oh, heck!"
 - 7 "It'll only take ____"
 - 11 Mock Canadianisms
 - 14 How overtime periods never end
 - 15 Dr. Hook songwriter Silverstein
 - 16 Void, in Versailles
 - 17 Like goods imported from "the world's factory"
 - 19 Mop&__ floor cleaner
 - 20 Datum for a pickup person
 - 21 Jordanian queen
 - 22 Knickknack ledge, perhaps
 - 24 Vodka cocktail with kahlúa and cream
 - 28 Foxiest?
 - 30 Don't stop to see
 - 31 Central idea
 - 32 Tasmania's highest peak
 - 35 It had to be removed in a Legion, once
 - 36 Scrappy online poster
 - 40 First of fifty-two
 - 41 ____ speak (now)
 - 42 Prefix with -syncratic
 - 43 Noble Italian family name
 - 46 Silently greet from afar
 - 48 Sheet placed atop an image, as for copying
 - 51 "Sunday morning creeping like ____" (Beatles lyric)
 - 52 Senior's org., in the U.S.
 - 53 "Be Prepared" grp.
 - 56 Secretly share a thread
 - 57 Oil checker's rod wiper
 - 61 Singer Tina's ex
 - 62 Civil War Gen. Robert ____
 - 63 Canadian businesswoman Dickinson
 - 64 A "Cuckoo's Nest" drug
 - 65 Take another shot at
 - 66 Adept hunter or inept clod

- Down
- 1 Coin bearing the Bluenose
 - 2 Surgeon's study: Abbr.
 - 3 It means nothing to a Spaniard

- 4 Verizon forerunner
- 5 Big Ben's three
- 6 Shapovalov's sport
- 7 "... woman who lived in ____"
- 8 Bake in shallow dishes, as eggs
- 9 Yet, to Yeats
- 10 Of supreme quality
- 11 Book lover's major, for short
- 12 Rowdy todo
- 13 Start to pitch?
- 18 Common T-shirt fabrics
- 23 Universal residence: Abbr.?
- 24 Skating champion Katarina
- 25 Evil little laugh
- 26 ____ the crack of dawn
- 27 "All the news that's fit to print" paper
- 28 Thyme keepers?
- 29 Did the Boot Scootin' Boogie, e.g.
- 33 Attach a patch, say
- 34 Knighted rocker Rod
- 37 Forecast in Vancouver, often
- 38 Cleave apart
- 39 Shared Polish/German river
- 40 Qty.
- 44 Room with IV pumps
- 45 Bit of fireplace ash
- 47 Old Rome's ____ Way
- 49 Dropped one's jaw
- 50 Toyota model name meaning "stroll" in Spanish
- 53 ____ Rabbit
- 54 Healthy, in Honduras
- 55 Was kept in a wine cellar, say
- 56 Cartoonist Keane
- 58 Part of an "archipel"
- 59 ____-Kee (lucky "Mulan" bug)
- 60 Carrier to Schiphol



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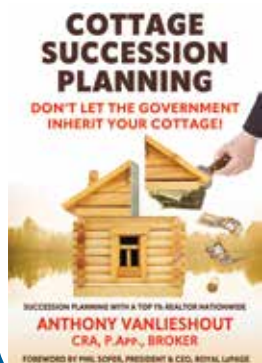
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